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Focus on Financial Aid



If ever you are in the Miles City area, make sure to stop in and see Loren Lancaster, Financial Aid Director at Miles Community College. Loren has been in his current position for about eight months, having previously worked in admissions. "I love working with the students, it is a great challenge and the work environment is really appealing to me," says Loren. Loren and his wife Amy are currently expecting their first child, due in September.

Miles Community College has a current enrollment of about 600 students, and along with Flathead Valley and Dawson Community College, comprises Montana's community college system.

Upcoming Events

- ~Board of Regents Meeting
Great Falls
• July 11, 2007
- ~NASFAA Conference
Washington D.C.
• July 8 - July 11, 2007
- ~Salish-Kootenai Conference
Pablo
• July 30 - August 3, 2007

Director's Den

There is speculation that Congress could have new Higher Education and Reconciliation bills within the next month or so. Cuts to FFELP could reach as much as \$18 billion. Combined with the cuts from last year's reconciliation, there will be significant changes to the type and amount of direct support lenders and guarantors can deliver to students should these bills become law. Now is the perfect time to contact our congressional delegation and urge them to continue to support FFELP. These proposed cuts go too far and it's our students who will suffer.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ron Muffick, our new Associate Director, and to introduce Robin Graham, our new Chief Financial Officer. I have always believed that the people here at MGS�P are what make us special. Many of you already know Ron and I trust that you will soon be able to meet Robin. I suspect you will agree with me that they are both outstanding choices for their respective positions!

Bruce Marks, Director



New CFO Joins GSL

The Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program welcomes its newest team member, Robin Graham who on June 18th took over the reigns of Chief Financial Officer. The native Helenan comes to GSL after 9 years with the Department of Revenue. Robin earned a degree from Montana State University - Bozeman where she majored in accounting.

Of her new position, Robin says "I hope to be a good financial compliment to the strong leadership and workforce at GSL. I believe that providing higher education to students paves the way to a brighter future for all of us so I am glad to be part of the GSL". Robin has been married for 10 years and has two sons, Dylan who is 2 1/2 years old and Cole who is 8 months old. Aside from her family, Robin's other hobby is running.

Moving On

Lyndsay Bruno stepped down as GSL's PR Coordinator earlier this month, after serving for over a year in that capacity. "We're very sorry to see her go. She was a valuable asset and will be missed" said Business Relations Manager Brian Aliperto. Lyndsay and family will be moving to Arizona at the end of the summer.

After 18 years of service with GSL, Peggy Lamb will be retiring July 6th. Peggy started with GSL in 1987 as one of only five employees, and has since worked in a variety of capacities including disbursements, customer assistance, and claim review. "Peggy has brought unparalleled dedication to her job and co-workers these past 18 years" said Peggy's supervisor Mark Bryson, "we will miss her".